

CHAPTER 169.

[S. B. 304.]

ADMINISTRATION OF THE WASHINGTON RURAL
REHABILITATION CORPORATION.

AN ACT providing for the application for return of and future administration of the assets of the Washington rural rehabilitation corporation; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The director of the state department of agriculture is hereby designated as the state official of the state of Washington to make application to and receive from the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any other proper federal official, pursuant and subject to the provisions of Public Law 499, 81st congress, approved May 3, 1950, the trust assets, either funds or property, held by the United States as trustee in behalf of the Washington rural rehabilitation corporation.

Director to make application for, and to receive trust assets.

SEC. 2. The director of agriculture is authorized, in his discretion, to enter into agreements with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States pursuant to section 2(f) of the aforesaid act of the congress of the United States, upon such terms and conditions and for such periods of time as may be mutually agreeable, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States to accept, administer, expend and use in the state of Washington all or any part of such trust assets or any other funds of the state of Washington which may be appropriated for such uses for carrying out the purposes of Titles I and II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title IV thereof, as now or hereafter amended, and to do any and all things necessary to effectuate and carry out the purposes of said agreements.

Director may authorize secretary of agriculture to spend and use certain moneys within the state.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, funds and the proceeds of the trust assets which

Funds not authorized to be administered by secretary of agriculture are appropriated.

Purposes.

are not authorized to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States under the provisions of section 2 of this act shall be received by the director of agriculture and by him deposited with the treasurer of state. Such funds are hereby appropriated and may be expended or obligated by the director of agriculture for the purposes of section 2 of this act or for use by the director of agriculture for such of the rural rehabilitation purposes permissible under the charter of the now dissolved Washington rural rehabilitation corporation as may from time to time be agreed upon by the director of agriculture and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, subject to the applicable provisions of said Public Law 499.

Director may:

SEC. 4. The director of agriculture is authorized and empowered to:

Settle claims and obligations.

(a) Collect, compromise, adjust or cancel claims and obligations arising out of or administered under this act or under any mortgage, lease, contract or agreement entered into or administered pursuant to this act and if, in his judgment, necessary and advisable, pursue the same to final collection in any court having jurisdiction.

Acquire property upon which he has a lien.

(b) Bid for and purchase at any execution, foreclosure or other sale, or otherwise to acquire property upon which the director of agriculture has a lien by reason of judgment or execution, or which is pledged, mortgaged, conveyed or which otherwise secures any loan or other indebtedness owing to or acquired by the director of agriculture under this act, and

Accept title to and operate, lease or dispose of property.

(c) Accept title to any property title so purchased or acquired; to operate or lease such property for such period as may be deemed necessary to protect the investment therein; and to sell or otherwise dispose of such property in a manner consistent with the provisions of this act.

The authority herein contained may be delegated to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States with respect to funds or assets authorized to be administered and used by him under agreements entered into pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Authority may be delegated to secretary of agriculture.

SEC. 5. The United States and the Secretary of Agriculture thereof, shall be held free from liability by virtue of the transfer of the assets to the director of agriculture of the state of Washington pursuant to this act.

Immunity from liability.

SEC. 6. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate February 19, 1951.

Passed the House March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1951.